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Introduction

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Readers of GAIN reports sometimes address to this office inquiries or requests for information that exceed the ability of USDA's offices in Russia to fulfill. These inquiries range from requests for detailed research into a specific Russian province's agriculture sector to requests for in-depth analysis of a specific product. While we strive to be as helpful as possible, we are unable to accommodate most requests for custom analysis and research. For that reason, we present here a list of potential commercial sources of analytical and research services.

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Agro-Info is an analytical consultancy on agriculture and agribusiness in Russia and the CIS. Specialties include daily monitoring of and report preparation on the sugar, grain, dairy, meat and oilseed markets; conduct of surveys; investment climate investigations; preparation of business plans; publication of market directories; and event organization.

Business Analytica

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Business Analytica specializes in provision of reliable information on the Russian consumer market. The firm gathers and processes information obtained through retail audits, as well as analyzes consumer preferences and trends (identified by means of quantitative and qualitative surveys) fully adapted to specific Russian conditions. Business Analytica provides its clientele with a wide range of market research and analytical services. Recent reports have covered alcoholic beverages, ice cream, and soft drinks. Its clientele tends toward producers and distributors of finished goods.

Center for Economic Analysis of the Government of the Russian Federation

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The Center's principal mission is to provide information and analyses of current national and regional economic developments and analyses of specific economic sectors to the Government of the Russian Federation. In particular the Center investigates trends in agricultural production and in material and land resources state, forecasts yields of basic crops, tracks livestock inventories and productivity, estimates production of basic agricultural products and food supplies, and conducts sampling surveys of economic and financial conditions of agricultural producers. In addition to providing information to Russian Government offices, the Center can accept orders for analysis and investigations from other clients on a commercial basis.

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Euromonitor International is a provider of business intelligence, best known for its excellent online databases on consumer purchases and analysis of trends in retail markets. Products include market reports, business reference books and online information databases that integrate international market statistics with strategic, insightful comments and reports. Euromonitor also offers custom analysis and reports, including qualitative- and quantitative-based trade surveys and analysis (phone, face-to-face and data collection interviews). Its over 2,000 clients include consumer-facing manufacturers and retailers, raw material suppliers, ingredient manufacturers, distributors and packagers, investment banks and strategic consultancy firms.

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IAM conducts in-depth local market studies for commodities and branded products, publishes regular reports on food markets, including monthly price surveys, and researches consumer demand, including consumer surveys. IAM is perhaps best known for its monitoring of the Russian meat market, but also has expertise in the sugar and grain markets, and tracks activities of major private firms in these sectors. IAM offers such specialized consulting services as preparation of the marketing sections of business plans and business matchmaking. Its clientele includes an array of Russian private companies, as well as Boston Consulting Group Ltd. and Russian provincial governments.

Institute for Agricultural Market Studies (IKAR)

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Dr. Rylko and his analytical group mainly perform general agricultural-food market research with emphasis on vertical commodity markets, but they are very good at policy analysis as well. IKAR also publishes regular reports, particularly on prices. IKAR's clientele includes more than 200 permanent and one-time customers over last year and a half, including Bunge, Cargill, Cherkizovskiy, Danone, Gasprombank, Glencore, E.D.F Man, Louis Dreyfus Corporation, KPMG, Mars, McDonalds, Mitsubishi, Raiffeisen Bank, Russian Railroads, Sberbank, Sucden, Tyson Foods, U.S. Dairy Export Council, and Unilever.

Institute of Land Relations and Land Use

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This institute was created as a self-supporting (i.e., no appropriated funds) institute to promote land reform but it has branched out into more general consulting on how to restructure production agriculture to make it profitable. On order, the institute can focus on a particular province of Russia, analyze resource bases such as land endowments and availability of labor and other inputs, as well as conduct market research on demand for raw materials of agricultural origin, and business modeling and business planning in the Russian economic environment. Its clients have included Southern Methodist University, Carleton University in Canada, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria.

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Nielsen (formerly AC Nielsen) in Russia specializes in studies of sales and prospects for sale of packaged goods, and performs consumer surveys. One of its strengths is analysis of consumer trends and identification of opportunities for sale of products. Prominent clients include Proctor & Gamble, Coca Cola, Pepsico, Unilever, Nestle, Tetra Pak, Kraft, Mars, Metro, Danone, BAT, and Heineken.

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ProZerno, a subsidiary of WJ Group and successor to WJ InterAgro, specializes in research of grain and oilseed markets in Russia and other CIS countries. Its specialties include price monitoring, production forecasting, and market projections. Its clients include the Russian Grain Union, Central Bank of Russia, the State Reserves Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, and major grain trading and merchandizing companies in 30 of Russia's provinces.

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RosAgroFond and the Agri-Food Economics Analytical Center, though maintaining distinct identities and separate spheres of expertise, are temporarily sharing common management and some common research resources.

RosAgroFond enjoys deep expertise in agriculturally and rural-related economic, sociological and legal fields as a result of 10 years of experience implementing rural and regional development projects in CIS countries. This work has resulted in introducing new laws and changes to existing legislation at the federal and regional levels, with particular emphasis on drafting basic legislation for land privatization and farm reorganization in the Russian Federation. RosAgroFond's core activities include methodological support to and development of sustainable rural livelihoods mechanisms, feasibility studies of reorganization of farm enterprises and rural service sectors, revitalization of insolvent farms, refining land relations and protection of land owners' rights, development of a micro-finance support systems to encourage rural economic activities, integration and promoting cooperation of rural producers, raising rural residents' awareness of economic and legal issues, and support for development of regional consultancy services for agribusinesses. Rosagrofond enjoys excellent access to data and is good for in-depth studies of production agriculture and rural entrepreneurship, particularly at the regional level.

IET's agricultural and food economics group is best known for its policy analysis and drafting of federal laws and regulations for the governments of Russia and Kazakhstan as well as Russian provincial governments. It also does some commodity analysis by special order. Clients include ministries of the Russian Federation government, governments of certain Russian provinces, the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council, FAO, the World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development, Bonn University, Russian Juice Producers Union, Soros Foundation, and Corvinus University (Budapest).

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SovEcon is the oldest private market research firm in Moscow, dating to 1990, and thus has an established track record of quality analysis and research. It is well respected for analysis of grains and oilseeds. SovEcon regularly provides deep insights into what is moving markets at any given time. SovEcon also performs specialized analysis of local (regional) markets for grains and oilseeds, and analyzes business plans of clients. Clients have included the World Bank, U.S. Grains Council, and Fazer Group in Russia, as well as a wide array of domestic Russian businesses in the grains and oilseeds sector.